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MONTHLY REVIEW OF DAIRY PRODUCTION IN CANADA, SEPTEMBER 1937.

CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION in September increased approximately one half of one per cent as compared with the September make of 1936 and decreased 10 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. During the month of September 28.5 million pounds of butter were produced and during the nine months ending September the output reached a total of 193.3 million pounds. The increase in the September make occurred in five provinces only, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

CHEESE PRODUCTION went up 5 per cent in September as compared with September, 1936, and decreased 11 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. The September make was 19.5 million pounds and the total during the period January to September amounted to 107 million pounds. All provinces except Saskatchewan and British Columbia contributed to the increase recorded herein.

The production of CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS for the month of August registered an increase of 44.3 per cent over the same month last year and a decrease of 6.5 per cent as compared with the preceding month. During August 12.9 million pounds of Concentrated Whole Milk Products were manufactured in Canada and 3 million pounds of Concentrated Milk By-Products. During the eight months January to August, 80.8 million pounds of the former and 21.2 million pounds of the latter were produced in condenseries and creameries in the Dominion, making a total of 15.9 million pounds for August and 102 million pounds for the eight months ending August.

CREAMERY BUTTER PRICES at Montreal, as quoted daily by the Canadian Commodity Exchange for the first grade product, average 26 3/8 cents a pound, compared with 24 5/8 cents in September, 1936. Ontario coloured cheese at Montreal based on daily quotations, averaged 14 1/8 cents in September compared with 15 cents in September, 1936.

The combined output of creamery butter and factory cheese during the month of September represented the equivalent of 885.3 million pounds of milk, registering an advance of 12.6 million pounds over the combined make in terms of milk for the same month a year ago. Creamery butter represented 75.4 per cent and cheese represented 24.6 per cent of the total.

The total disappearance of Canadian-made butter in September advanced 1.6 per cent over last month and was almost as high as that recorded a year ago, having declined only 7.8 thousand pounds. The September disappearance of 23.3 million pounds, is estimated on a basis of stock holdings amounting to 49.8 million pounds on September 1, and 55 million pounds on October 1, 1937; and September exports which reached a total of 52 thousand pounds.

The total disappearance of Canadian cheddar cheese advanced 20.8 per cent over last month and 26.6 per cent over the same month last year. The September disappearance of 17.7 million pounds is estimated on a basis of stock holdings

amounting to 39.2 million pounds on September 1 and 41 million pounds on October 1; and September exports which reached a total of 14.8 million pounds.

Frequent rains during September have improved pastures considerably in eastern Canada, particularly in Ontario and Quebec where the forage is good to excellent, ranging well above the normal condition at this season. Some recovery was also recorded in Nova Scotia, pastures now being rated 10 points below the long-time average; but little change has occurred in New Brunswick, and in Prince Edward Island grass for grazing purposes is reported by farmers as the poorest in years, 33 points below the normal or long-time average. There has been considerable precipitation in the Prairie Provinces, terminating with rain, sleet and snow toward the end of the month. Replenished moisture reserves will help the situation next year and appears to have advanced the after-harvest growth upon which dairy cows are pasturing at the present time. With colder weather now approaching and short feed supplies in many of the prairie sections, however, the outlook is becoming less promising. The pasture situation in British Columbia remains about the same as a month ago, but is considerably better than was reported a year ago.

A good crop of corn is being harvested in eastern Canada, and farmers are busily engaged filling the silos. The fodder corn estimate for the Dominion is placed at approximately 3.9 million tons, an advance of 24 per cent over the 1936 estimate. The root crop is also fair, although some rotting is anticipated on account of wet weather. The total for Canada is estimated at 37.5 million cwts., a decline of approximately 2 per cent from the previous year. There is a good alfalfa crop in the Dominion estimated at 2.3 million tons, an increase of approximately 17 per cent as compared with the tonnage reported a year ago.

Cattle on eastern pastures are in splendid shape. Compared with last year fewer cows are being milked in Prince Edward Island, but more in New Brunswick. Farmers in Ontario have imported considerable numbers of feeding stock from the drought areas of the West, and although the feeding of these cattle may have some effect on milk production later on, prospects for the next month are quite favourable. Under normal weather conditions, the farm output of milk in the month of October should exceed that of October, 1936. The advance in milk production may not be quite as great as that recorded in the previous month, but with the closing of cheese factories more milk will be available for butter making.

I.- PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SEPTEMBER, 1936 AND 1937.

Province	AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	1936	1937 x	More (+) Less (-)	1936	1937 /	More(+) Less(-)
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	31,200,033	31,605,358	(+) 1.3	28,402,496	28,507,111	(+) 0.4
Prince Edward Island	348,051	309,497	(-) 11.1	299,506	231,729	(-) 22.6
Nova Scotia	631,797	605,817	(-) 4.1	542,108	525,631	(-) 4.0
New Brunswick	569,072	554,342	(-) 2.6	391,951	409,052	(+) 4.4
Quebec	10,688,000	10,400,000	(-) 2.7	9,585,000	10,100,000	(+) 5.4
Ontario	8,605,615	8,220,444	(-) 4.5	8,697,753	7,987,413	(-) 8.2
Manitoba	3,077,993	3,245,568	(+) 5.4	2,848,410	2,859,195	(+) 0.4
Saskatchewan	3,332,075	3,778,555	(+) 13.4	2,804,287	2,894,099	(+) 3.2
Alberta	3,500,000	4,041,259	(+) 15.5	2,750,000	3,076,455	(+) 11.9
British Columbia	447,430	449,876	(+) 0.5	483,481	423,537	(-) 12.4

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II.- PRODUCTION OF FACTORY CHEESE IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SEPTEMBER, 1936 AND 1937.

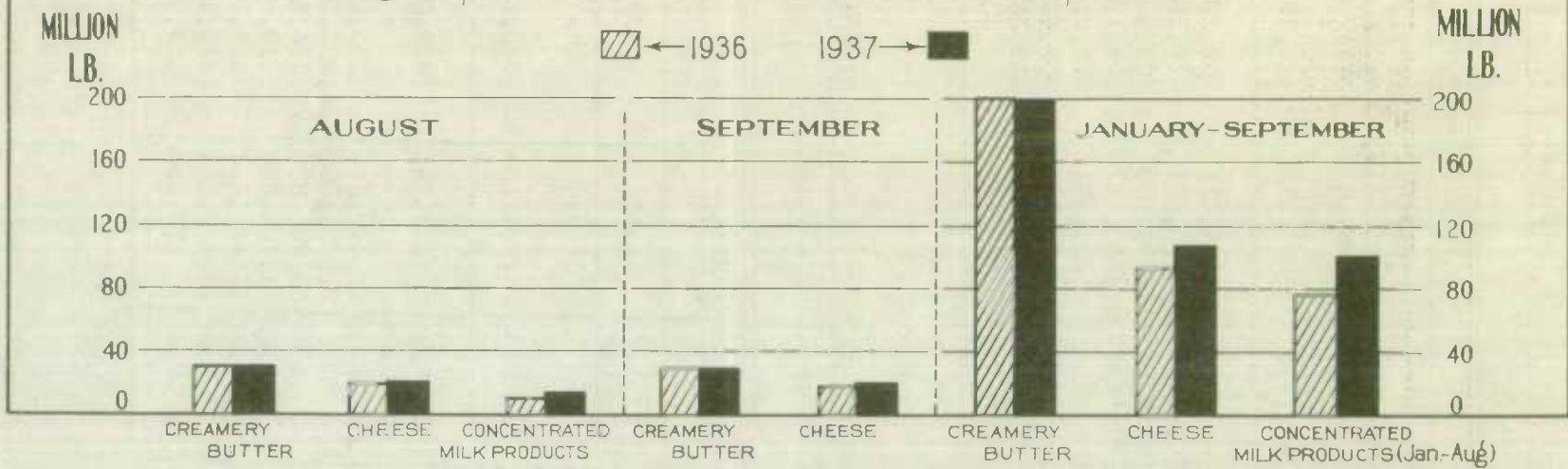
Province	AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	1936	1937 x	More (+) Less (-)	1936	1937 /	More (+) Less (-)
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	19,190,409	21,742,993	(+) 13.3	18,551,812	19,463,153	(+) 4.9
Prince Edward Island	66,855	98,250	(+) 47.0	59,073	95,800	(+) 62.2
New Brunswick	86,489	96,510	(+) 11.6	70,624	79,565	(+) 12.7
Quebec	5,053,000	5,800,000	(+) 14.8	4,594,000	4,700,000	(+) 2.3
Ontario	13,467,856	15,164,889	(+) 12.6	13,350,227	14,095,178	(+) 5.6
Manitoba	218,777	227,001	(+) 3.8	220,271	225,252	(+) 2.3
Saskatchewan	87,930	75,874	(-) 13.7	56,948	39,400	(-) 30.8
Alberta	165,416	262,069	(+) 58.4	185,416	218,558	(+) 17.9
British Columbia	44,086	18,400	(-) 58.3	15,253	9,400	(-) 38.4

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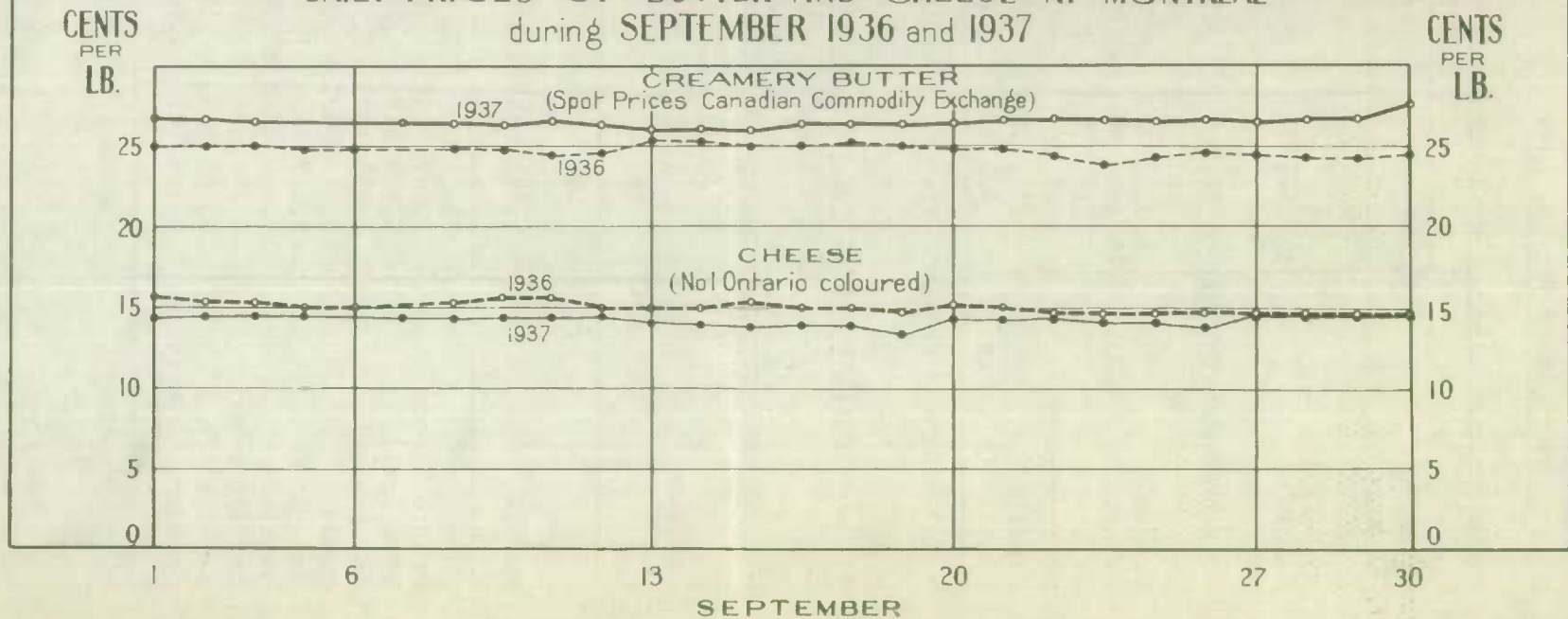
III.- CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER AND FACTORY CHEESE IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER, 1936 AND 1937.

Province	JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER					
	BUTTER			CHEESE		
	1936	1937	More (+) Less (-)	1936	1937	More (+) Less (-)
Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%	
CANADA	201,895,985	199,280,968	(-) 1.3	94,864,286	107,025,275	(+) 12.8
Prince Edward Island	1,683,572	1,764,309	(+) 4.8	238,691	426,648	(+) 78.7
Nova Scotia	4,723,592	4,724,173	(+) 0.01	-	-	-
New Brunswick	3,063,153	3,119,597	(+) 1.8	369,331	528,986	(+) 43.2
Quebec	59,440,000	58,499,804	(-) 1.6	21,081,000	25,485,611	(+) 20.9
Ontario	68,057,998	64,803,292	(-) 4.8	69,801,805	77,073,461	(+) 10.4
Manitoba	18,940,222	20,477,619	(+) 8.1	1,364,684	1,610,896	(+) 18.0
Saskatchewan	20,623,697	20,681,441	(+) 0.3	484,493	294,954	(-) 39.1
Alberta	20,865,000	21,170,178	(+) 1.5	1,147,744	1,415,126	(+) 23.3
British Columbia	4,498,751	4,040,555	(-) 10.2	376,538	189,593	(-) 49.7

PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER, CHEESE AND CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND JANUARY-SEPTEMBER, 1936 & 1937



DAILY PRICES OF BUTTER AND CHEESE AT MONTREAL during SEPTEMBER 1936 and 1937



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